

REMARKS

Claims 1-18, 20-36, 39-71, 74-78 and 80-82 are presented for consideration, with Claims 1, 13, 16, 20, 39, 50, 53, 57, 76, 77, 78 and 82 being independent.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward their representative during the telephone conversation of July 22, 2005. The conversation focused on the claims as presented in the Preliminary Amendment of November 26, 2004. The Examiner indicated that allowable subject matter existed in Claim 19 and by amending the independent claims to include such subject matter would place the application in condition for allowance. As will be appreciated, the claims as presented herein have been amended in the manner proposed by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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